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TOWN OF DORCHESTER



ANNUAL REPORT 2009



Historic Dorchester Common
Entered in the National Register of Historic Places
March 7, 1985

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICERS



**OF THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER, N.H.**



**Year Ended
December 31, 2009**

Dedicated to the Memory of John A. Cote



John A. Cote

March 24, 2009

**A Devoted Public Servant, who gave back far more
to his beloved Dorchester than he ever received.**

Selectman: 2000 ~ 2008

Selectmen's Representative on the Planning Board

Liaison to the Highway Department

Police Chief: 1977 ~ 1980

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2009

As we end the first decade of 2000 and enter into the next one, we need to look at where we have been and where we are now heading. The past nine years have exhibited rapid growth in the early years of 2000 and economic turmoil in the latter part of the decade. As a town we have adjusted and kept a fiscally conservative posture throughout a decade full of economic prosperity and distress. It is with pleasure that we provide all Dorchester citizens with a snapshot of Dorchester's status for 2009 and a glimpse into its future.

In March of 2009 Arthur Burdette was elected to the Board. Mr. Burdette offers not just a new face but also an array of new ideas and approaches to small town government. On the other hand, it was a sad year with the passing of former Selectman John A. Cote, who offered many years of service to both the town and community. His presence and knowledge of Dorchester will be sorely missed. It is also with regret that Selectmen David Conkey will not be seeking re-election. David has served the town for the past two terms with a businessman's approach to government. His skill in the management of recycling has positioned the town to begin a process for developing its own economically feasible transfer station.

In the area of general government, the Selectmen are carefully examining and scrutinizing all costs. Our goal is accountability with a progressive government objective. It is our goal in 2010 to have all business operations located at the Selectmen's Office once a 28'X10' addition, with new heat source and washroom, is completed. In our working partnership with Treasurer Brian Howe, financial administration has improved tremendously, with the town

having reduced budgets, thus containing the tax rate. This year has been particularly stressing due to the State of NH's cutbacks in revenues and its passing of other state costs to the town. We have also been very proactive in communicating with the school district on budget matters to prevent rapid tax impacts from that sector. School Board member Cookie Hebert has been a tremendous asset in this ongoing process. Furthermore, the Selectmen have been quite vocal in keeping county budgets limited. Grafton County's annual budgetary growth for the past five years has exceeded eight percent. We continue to communicate with our County Commissioner Martha Richards, sharing community input and ideas. County government has also benefited Dorchester by having its community buildings completely painted by the Department of Corrections. This service comes at no charge to the community except for paint and materials. It is our job to schedule early in the year to receive service in the summer and fall months. We intend to continue utilizing this service. As of late we discovered that the county Department of Corrections provides grounds and cemetery maintenance if scheduled in a timely manner. Another important aspect of general government was our recently completed statistical revaluation. The Department of Revenue informed us last winter that we had to do a full revaluation. A full revaluation can be quite costly, usually thirty-five to fifty thousand dollars. Since the Selectboard was not happy with this dictate by the Department of Revenue, we had the new Commissioner of the DRA's Property Appraisal Division come to a Selectmen's meeting to hear our protests concerning what seemed an unfunded mandate. It became evident at this meeting that Dorchester could do a statistical revaluation for substantially less cost. We were allowed to proceed with a statistical revaluation due to our in place process of building permits, inventories, and assessment pickups. If all residents and non residents were to report new building work and improvements to a building lot, the tax

base would not only grow but also keep the tax rate stabilized for all.

In the area of public safety, we have solidified our arrangements for fire coverage from Rumney and Canaan. We wish to commend Secretary Linda Landry for correcting problems with the 911 system at the state level. Furthermore, the Selectmen have applied for Emergency Management grants in hopes of having full generator back-up power for the Town Hall and Selectmen's Office in the event of emergency or pandemic occurrences. The Selectmen's office is now set up as an emergency communications operation center with advanced radio technology, this being accomplished through a grant from NH Emergency Management.

Our highways and streets are one of our largest expenditures, second only to school costs. It is our goal to continue to streamline highway expenses to render the most effective service to the community. This year we have applied for three major Hazard Mitigation Grants to FEMA: for major corrective work on the North Dorchester Road, for water control and drainage on the Cheever Road and for bridge construction and road upgrades on the Province Road. We are fortunate to have a direct connection via Senator Shaheen's Washington office. We are excited about the possibility of having a major financial boost for our town roads.

Under the sanitation sector of the budget, the Selectmen are continuing to study and seek out alternatives for creating Dorchester's own Transfer Station. Selectmen Conkey has been instrumental in orchestrating this potential change, which could become a reality within the next three years if all goes as planned.

Economic downturns have impacted Town Welfare. It is unfortunate that job losses and hard times have a negative

effect on people's lives and families. As the economy recovers, there should be less strain on this budget item.

On a long-term planning note, the Town has recently received a new study and recommendations from the NH Local Government Center regarding compensation and benefits. There was a town committee formed to look into this issue in 2008. This report from the Local Government Center takes into consideration all public service elected and appointed positions and looks at them objectively, so to remove the politics from pay and benefits. Recommendations still have to be studied and proposed at this year's town meeting for ratification.

The Board of Selectmen not only serves as the fiscal regulator, it is also the enforcer of rules voted by our electorate, as well as the supervisor of the town's employees and of some elected officials. We approach this aspect of government with full objectivity. Furthermore, we support key boards such as the Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board, the Historic District Commission, the Cemetery Committee, and the Conservation Commission, all of whose intent is to protect the community in which we live. Public input and suggestions are always welcome.

In conclusion, we would like to express our thanks to all who serve to make Dorchester's government function. The door is always open to new people and ideas that will benefit the entire community.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert John Franz
David A. Conkey
Arthur Burdette

Selectmen's Meetings

2010

Thursdays ~ 6:30 P.M.

Town Hall

January 7 ~ 21

February 4 ~ 18

March 4 ~ 18

April 1 ~ 15 ~ 29

May 13 ~ 27

June 10 ~ 24

July 8 ~ 22

August 5 ~ 19

September 2 ~ 16 ~ 30

October 14 ~ 28

November 11 ~ 24*

December 9 ~ 23

*** Note Change due to Holidays**

The Board of Selectmen meets with the public at

7:00 P.M.

COMPENSATION/BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

As reported at the 2009 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen authorized the Compensation/Benefits Committee to have the Local Government Center conduct a customized Pay and Classification Study for Dorchester. The positions of Road Agent, Highway Maintainer, Laborer and Custodian were to be included in the study. The Local Government Center was unable to complete the study prior to the 2009 Town Meeting. As a result the Town voted "to continue the Compensation/Benefits Committee with its present membership through April 1, 2010.

On January 7, 2010, at a regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting, Barry Cox, from the Local Government Center, presented the "*Town of Dorchester Pay and Classification Study*." Darlene Oaks and Linda Landry, members of Compensation/Benefits Committee, along with members of the public were present. Copies of the "*Pay and Classification Study*" were distributed to the Board and members of the Benefits/Compensation Committee. Mr. Cox explained that the study was an attempt to provide guidelines which would create both internal and external equity with regard to wages and benefits. Mr. Cox explained that the Local Government Center chose to use data from thirteen (13) comparable communities as a way to measure external equity. Some of the factors considered when choosing comparable communities were:

- ⇒ Geographic location (within the market area)
- ⇒ Population
- ⇒ Equalized valuation
- ⇒ Similarity in Town operations

The communities selected for the study were: Acworth, Bath, Croydon, Goshen, Groton, Jackson, Marlow, Monroe, Nelson, Shelburne, Stark, Strafford, Waterville Valley.

The Study uses a Classification Plan with 10 Labor Grades and a corresponding Wage Schedule with 15 Steps. The Classification Plan and Factor Evaluation System can be used to maintain internal equity among the Town's various positions. The Wage Schedule can be used to help maintain external equity and insure that the Town's wages are competitive with other communities. **Recommendation:** Employees should be placed at the step closest to their current or recommended wage, and thereafter awarded step increases as merited.

Job Descriptions describe the duties and the knowledge, skills, abilities and qualifications of each position as they currently exist. **Recommendation:** When jobs are restructured or new ones created, they should be evaluated to determine whether reclassification is warranted or establishment of a new class is necessary. The tendency to reclassify positions should be resisted when only minor changes are made in a job description. There must be a clear showing that the duties and the knowledge, skills, abilities, and qualifications required to perform those duties have changed significantly.

Compression occurs when subordinates receive compensation near to or in excess of their supervisors. This is sometimes a consequence of overtime or other administrative practices.

Recommendation: This problem can be minimized by:

- Maintaining a percentage ration for first line supervisors
- Grant supervisors the same percentage increase as their subordinates.
- Increase the grade differential between supervisors and employees.

The Factor Evaluation System used to classify jobs in the study was adapted from the Factor Evaluation System developed by the United States Office of Personnel Management. It is considered to be a state-of-the art system and has been adapted to conform to the unique features of municipal government in the State of New Hampshire. This is a comparative system that evaluates job descriptions for each position on the basis of ten distinct factors:

- Knowledge Required by the Job
- Supervisor Controls
- Guidelines
- Complexity
- Scope and Effect
- Personal Contacts
- Purpose of Contacts
- Physical Demands
- Work Environment
- Supervisory and Management Responsibility

The factors are weighted to reflect their relative value. Each factor also has several levels and each level is assigned a specific number of points. The total number of points for each job description determines the labor grade for that position within the classification plan.

Conclusions:

- A. Job Description: All of the job descriptions have been tested to determine which ones qualify for exempt status (overtime) in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Only the position of Road Agent qualifies for exempt.
- B. Analysis of Pay Data: The position of Road Agent, Highway Maintainer and Custodian fell below the average minimum pay of the comparable communities. This could be an issue in retaining these employees and it could be a significant obstacle in recruiting employees for these positions. It may be

necessary to offer something higher than the minimum step in order to attract the most qualified applicants.

- C. Analysis of Benefit Data: The Town of Dorchester offers its full-time employees less than a competitive benefit package in comparison to the surveyed communities, except in the area of Health Insurance. The least competitive areas are Sick Leave, Holidays and Vacation Time. **Recommendation:** The benefit package could be improved in these areas without a serious financial impact on the Town budget. The Town could also enhance benefits in the areas of Dental Insurance, Disability, Life Insurance and Retirement at nominal or no cost, depending upon how the benefits were structured.

Recommendations:

In any compensation system the employer (the town) is essentially paying for 3 things:

- 1) What the employee brings to the job – knowledge, skills and abilities.
- 2) How long the employee has been at the job – longevity
- 3) What the employee is accomplishing on the job – performance results

The goal of the employer (the town) is not to pay employees as little as possible in order to retain them. Neither is the goal necessarily to pay what others are paying. The goal should be to pay as much as possible to attract and retain good employees, field an effective organization and maintain a stable work environment.

The compensation of current employees is usually based on some combination of these factors:

- a) Current wage

- b) Years of service
- c) Education
- d) Experience
- e) Performance

Newly hired employees would normally start at the beginning of the pay range or step, but consideration should be given to education, experience and what it takes in the marketplace to attract good candidates for that particular position.

The ultimate goal in any compensation system is to develop an acceptable pay structure that will enable the Town to attract, retain and motivate qualified employees.

Upon review of the information included in this 41 page study, the Benefit/Compensation Committee and the Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed that the recommendations outlined in this study could be implemented without increasing the municipal tax burden; actually reducing it in some areas, while removing the “personality, favoritism, inconsistency” factor from compensating town employees.

The Compensation/Benefits Committee wholeheartedly recommend the acceptance and implementation of this study by the voters on March 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Landry
Darlene Oaks
Andrew Houghton (inactive)
Compensation/Benefits Committee

DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS – 2009

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Albert John Franz 2011 Chairman David A. Conkey 2010
Arthur Burdette 2012

MODERATOR

Henry Melanson (appointed) 2010

TOWN TREASURER

Brian A. Howe 2010
Jennifer Grace, Deputy

TOWN CLERK

Brenda A. Howe 2010
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

TAX COLLECTOR

Brenda A. Howe 2010
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

ROAD AGENT

George C. Conkey, II 2011

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Claudette “Cookie” Hebert
Holly Conkey, Deputy

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Linda M. Landry ~ 523-7119
Patricia Franz, Deputy

HEALTH OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

PERMIT OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen, Road Agent

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Arthur Burdette, Director Vacant, Assistant Director

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Darlene Oaks 2010 Carol Towne 2011 Diana Burdette 2012

AUDITORS

Martha Walker 2010 Yvonne Yetman 2010

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Darlene Oaks 2012 Karen Limoges 2010 Michelle Davis (appt.) 2010

PLANNING BOARD

Michael Howe 2010 Chairman Linda Landry 2011 Patricia Franz 2010
William Trought (appt.) 2010 Arthur Burdette, Slc. Rep. Vacant, Alternate

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Morrill, Chairman Claudette "Cookie" Hebert Michael Landry
Michael Mock David A. Conkey, Slc. Rep. Patricia Franz, Alternate

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Kevin Wall 2011 David Yetman 2012 Elizabeth "Betty" Trought 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Morrissey, Chairman Joshua Trought Michael Majeski
David Yetman, Alternate

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Patricia Franz, Chairman (Alt.) Robert Pon (Alt.) Darlene Oaks (Alt.)
Martha Walker (Alt.) Linda M. Landry (Alt.) Albert John Franz, Slc. Rep

REPRESENTATIVE TO MASCOMA HEALTH INITIATIVE

Elizabeth "Betty" Trought

MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Claudette "Cookie" Hebert

MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Amber Barsaleau

REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

William Trought

REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Joshua Trought

REPRESENTATIVE TO LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID

Arthur Burdette

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen	Every other Thursday, 6:30 P.M. Town Hall ~ 523-8300
Town Clerk	Wednesday, 4:00 P.M. ~ 7:00 P.M. (as of 4/2010)
Tax Collector	Monday, 9:00 A.M. ~ 11:00 A.M. Last Sat. of the month, 9:00 A.M. ~ 11:00 A.M. Town Office Home Phone: 786-9476 ~ 786-9076
Planning Board	2 nd Wednesday of each month Town Office – 786-9476
Conservation Commission	2 nd Wednesday of each month Town Hall – 523-8300
Board of Adjustment	As required – Town Office
Animal Control	"Cookie" Hebert ~ 523-7803 Holly Conkey ~ 786-2442
Notary Public	Slc. Mtgs. and upon request 523-7119 Free of Charge to Dorchester Residents

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 2010, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring and developing land for a Town Cemetery and to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in this fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of removing those trees which could potentially damage the Town Hall and the Museum and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1984.

Recommended by the Selectmen

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for Property Revaluation.

Recommended by the Selectmen

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Town of Dorchester for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by the voters of the Town at an annual Town Meeting.

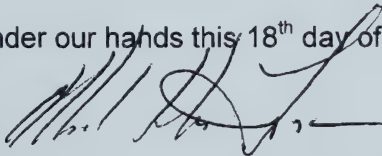
6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the Town's matching share of grant money received for town projects and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in this fund; this appropriation shall be funded by authorizing the transfer of that sum from the fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen

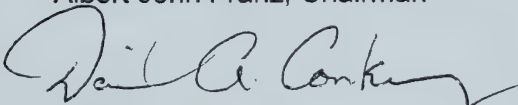
7. To see if the Town will vote to accept and implement the recommendations of the Pay and Classification Study conducted by the Local Government Center and prepared for the Benefits/Compensation Committee established at the 2008 Town Meeting.

8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the 1981 approval it gave for the establishment of the town Historic District Commission (Article 24, 1981 Annual Town Meeting) by:
- 1) Deleting that article's limit on commission members serving more than two successive terms;
 - 2) Changing the method of member appointment from "at town meeting" to being appointed by the Board of Selectmen; and
 - 3) Providing for up to five alternative members of the commission, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thirty thousand, twenty eight dollars and 80 cents (\$430,028.80), to defray Town charges.
10. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting

Given under our hands this 18th day of February 2010.



Albert John Franz, Chairman



David A. Conkey



Arthur Burdette
Dorchester Selectmen

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 49,770.74	\$ 48,600.00
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	\$ 2,936.00	\$ 2,327.78	\$ 4,000.00
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$ 19,700.00	\$ 20,367.79	\$ 21,000.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 14,027.88	\$ 8,000.00
4153	Legal Expense	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,270.78	\$ 4,500.00
4155-4159	Personnel Administration			
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,884.96	\$ 4,350.00
4194	General Government Buildings	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,290.19	\$ 32,950.00
4195	Cemeteries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,130.80	\$ 2,700.00
4196	Insurance	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 22,605.16	\$ 17,000.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
4199	Other General Government	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 9,398.85	3,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX		
4210-4214	Police	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
4220-4229	Fire	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 23,385.33	\$ 19,500.00
4240-4249	Building Inspection			
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$ 500.00	\$ 499.96	\$ 500.00
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,863.24	\$ 5,000.00
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration			
4312	Highways & Streets	\$ 222,564.00	\$ 209,804.24	*\$200,500.00
4313	Bridges	* Includes \$31,379.40 Highway Block Grant		
4316	Street Lighting			
4319	Other			
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	\$ 50.00		
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$ 22,916.00	\$ 22,817.76	\$ 24,328.80
4324	Solid Waste Disposal			
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

4331	Administration				
4332	Water Services				
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other				

ELECTRIC

4351-4352	Admin. and Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				

HEALTH

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4411	Administration	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,784.50	\$ 2,800.00
4414	Pest Control			
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other			

WELFARE

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4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,526.01	\$ 10,000.00
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

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4520-4529	Parks & Recreation			
4550-4559	Library			
4583	Patriotic Purposes			
4589	Other Culture & Recreation			

CONSERVATION

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4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources			
4619	Other Conservation			
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING			
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			

DEBT SERVICE

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4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes			
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes			
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 181.74	\$ 300.00
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			

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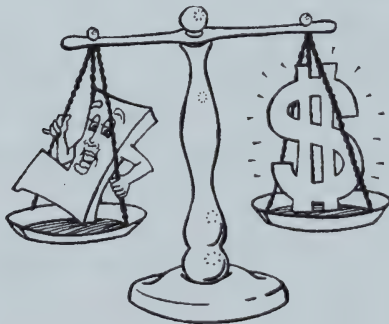
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901	Land			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			
4903	Buildings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer-			
	Water-			
	Electric-			
	Airport-			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*			
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*			
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds*			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Fiduciary Funds			
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		\$ 435,366.00	\$ 435,337.71	\$ 430,028.80



MS-6	Budget - Town of		DORCHESTER		FY 2010
1	2	4	5	6	
Acct. :	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year	

TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fun	\$ 9,110.00	\$ 19,360.00	\$ 6,000.00
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Timber Taxes	\$ 6,241.00	\$ 6,240.99	\$ 3,000.00
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,202.51	\$ 9,000.00
	Inventory Penalties			
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210	Business Licenses & Permits			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,938.50	\$ 50,000.00
3230	Building Permits			
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 905.00	\$ 900.00
311-33	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00

FROM STATE

3351	Shared Revenues	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 16,677.34	\$ 16,600.00
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$ 31,051.64	\$ 31,051.64	\$ 31,379.40
3354	Water Pollution Grant			
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 651.08	\$ 651.08	\$ 600.00
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$ 225.00	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		\$ 2,286.56	

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

301-34	Income from Departments			
3409	Other Charges		\$ 433.50	

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 5,005.00	\$ 7,942.42	
3502	Interest on Investments	\$ 400.00	\$ 414.61	
303-35	Other -Refunds	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 2,553.71	

1	2	4	5	6
acct.:	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Reven Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3912	From Special Revenue Funds			
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)			
	Water - (Offset)			
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds			
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds			

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")			\$ 50,000.00
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	\$ 12,564.00	\$ 12,564.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS				

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	\$ 432,366.00	\$ 430,028.80
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)		\$ 55,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$ 435,366.00	\$ 487,028.80
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$ 121,219.73	\$ 169,671.40
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 314,146.27	\$ 317,357.40

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:

Current Year	\$662,000.42
Interest	\$1,225.84
Current Year Overpayment.....	\$2,592.18
Prior Years	\$72,764.34
Interest	\$5,462.47
Principal Converted to Lien.....	\$39,232.30

Redeemed Taxes:

Prior Years – Lien Amount.....	\$28,496.78
Costs & Interest	\$5,350.21

Land Use Change Taxes

Current Year	\$16,610.00
Prior Years.....	\$2,750.00

Yield Taxes

Current Year	\$0.00
Prior Year	\$6,240.99

State of New Hampshire

Revenue Sharing.....	\$0.00
Rooms & Meals	\$16,677.34
Highway Block Grant	\$31,051.64
State Forest Land	\$651.08
Secretary of State (Checklists).....	\$225.00

Tax Anticipation Loans\$84,000.00

Motor Vehicle Fees.....	\$50,938.50
Dog Licenses & Penalties	\$850.00
U.C.C. Filings	\$60.00
Marriages	\$45.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,141.21
Planning Board/Board of Adjustment.....	\$1,342.00
Interest on Deposits	\$414.61
Bureau of Land Management.....	\$192.00
Cemetery Fees.....	\$735.00
Sale of Municipal Property	\$6,192.42
Tax Deed Repurchase	\$8,570.73
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund (2009 Article #4)	\$3,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2009	\$1,050,812.06
Less Liens Purchased By Town.....	(\$39,232.30)
Less T.A.N. Principal Repayment	(\$84,000.00)
NET RECEIPTS FOR 2009	\$927,579.76
Cash on Hand January 1, 2009.....	\$155,073.04
Cash Available for 2009.....	\$1,082,652.80
Disbursements – 2009	\$877,760.16
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/2009	\$204,892.64



SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

Net Land Values, 27,849.32 acres	\$18,592,812.00
Tax Exempt Land, 213.77 acres.....	\$676,800.00
Net Taxable Land Value	\$18,592,812.00
Current Use Valuation, 26,200.21 acres.....	\$1,534,012.00
Residential Land, 1,649.11 acres.....	\$17,058,800.00
 Buildings (All)	\$20,196,100.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings	\$269,200.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation.....	\$19,926,900.00
 Public Utilities, NH Electric Co-op	\$554,800.00
 Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$39,074,512.00
Elderly Exemptions.....	\$18,000.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed.....	\$39,056,512.00

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$773,846.00
Less War Service Credits.....	(\$15,100.00)
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$758,746.00

Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 of Valuation \$19.88

Municipal.....	\$8.12	County.....	\$1.36	Local School	\$8.09
				State Education.....	\$2.31

SCHEDULED OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Buildings	\$123,200.00
Contents.....	\$47,236.00
Town Office, Land & Buildings	\$58,900.00
Contents.....	\$16,253.00
Police Department Equipment	\$100.00
Highway Department, Land & Buildings	\$79,100.00
Equipment & Materials	\$200,000.00
Historical Museum	\$24,400.00
Contents.....	\$16,025.00
Other Town Land.....	\$157,600.00
Town Property (Tax Deeded)	\$263,200.00
Forest Fire Equipment.....	\$2,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$988,014.00



FINANCIAL REPORT



BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2009

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand	\$204,892.64
Funds in Custody of Treasurer.....	\$204,592.64
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cash	\$300.00
Unredeemed Taxes	\$38,679.91
Uncollected Taxes	\$103,687.13
Other Receivables.....	\$4,036.56
Total Assets	\$351,296.24

LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:

School Taxes Payable, January ~ June 2009 . .	\$232,964.00
Tax Anticipation Notes.....	\$0.00
Accrued Expenditures 2009 Budget	\$12,921.06
Total Liabilities	\$245,885.06

FUND BALANCE:

Assets over Liabilities.....+105,411.18

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance December 31, 2008	+\$89,120.93
Fund Balance December 31, 2009	+\$105,411.18

Change in Financial Condition+\$16,290.25



TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2009

BALANCE:

Cash On Hand January 1, 2009 **\$155,073.04**

Woodsville Guaranty \$154,773.04

Town Clerk/Tax Coll. Cash \$300.00

Received From:

Tax Collector \$803,493.23

Town Clerk \$52,313.00

Selectmen \$68,358.92

Tax Anticipation Loan \$84,000.00

Interest on Accounts \$414.61

Capital Reserve Funds \$3,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1,011,579.76

TOTAL AVAILABLE DURING 2009 \$1,166,652.80

Payments By Order of Selectmen..... ..\$961,760.16

Cash on Hand December 31, 2009**\$204,892.64**

Woodsville Guaranty Checking Acct.\$26,868.24

Woodsville Guaranty Money Market\$177,724.40

Town Clerk/Tax Collector\$300.00

TOTAL CASH ON HAND \$204,892.64

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE \$204,892.64

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Brian A. Howe

Treasurer



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending 12-31-09

Uncollected Taxes – Beginning Year:	2009	Prior
Property Taxes		\$71,928.78

Taxes Committed This Year:

Property Taxes	\$760,348.000	
Land Use Change Tax	\$16,610.00	\$2,750.00
Timber Yield Tax	\$0.00	\$6240.99

Overpayments:

Credits Balance End FY	(\$279.70)	
Interest	\$1,225.84	\$5,462.47

TOTAL DEBITS\$777,904.14\$86,382.24

Remitted to Treasurer During Year:	2009	Prior
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Property Taxes	\$665,550.07	\$32,696.48
Land Use Change	\$1,610.00	\$2,750.00
Timber Yield Tax	\$0.00	\$6240.99
Interests/Penalties	\$1,225.84	\$5,462.47
Conversion to Lien		\$39,232.30
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	(\$177.91)	

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00

Uncollected Taxes – End of Year	2009
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Property Taxes	\$94,797.93
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$101.79)

TOTAL CREDITS\$777,904.14\$86,382.24

Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY	\$39,419.29
Liens Executed During FY	\$42,741.97
Interest & Costs Collected	\$5,350.21

TOTAL LIEN DEBITS.....\$87,511.47

Remitted to Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$28,496.78
Interest & Costs Collected	\$5,350.21
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$1,245.69
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$13,738.88
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	\$38,679.91

TOTAL LIEN CREDITS.....\$87,511.47

Brenda A. Howe, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT



December 31, 2009



Cash on Hand 1/1/2009	\$300.00
Car Registrations (558)	\$50,938.50
UCC Filings (4)	\$60.00
Dog Licenses (112)	\$696.00
Marriage Licenses (1)	\$45.00
Miscellaneous	\$573.50
Photo copies	
Tax Maps	
Certified Copies of Vitals	
Wetland Application	
Civil Forfeitures	
Return Check Charges	



TOTAL \$52,313.00

Total Remitted to Treasurer \$52,313.00

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cash on Hand\$300.00

TOTAL CASH ON HAND..... \$300.00

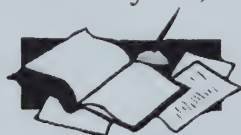
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk

AUDITORS' REPORT

We the undersigned have examined the accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Trustees of Trust Funds and find them properly and correctly vouched.

February 18, 2010

Auditors



Martha Walker
Yvonne Yetman

2009 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Betty Ann Trought, David Yetman, Kevin Wall

We began the year with a set of ongoing concerns and end it with only limited progress:

1. The increasing costs of Dorchester Cemetery maintenance for only three of our fifteen (15) identified cemeteries. Our three maintained cemeteries require some major expenditure for such items as fence replacements and tree removal. Kevin Wall has now completed a GPS map of all Cemeteries and created a pictorial review of there condition. We were unable to gather volunteers to help clear these Cemeteries.
2. The limited number of suitable lots available for future burials. Despite a grant writer hired by the Town looking for funds for land purchase – none appear to be available. No landowners have stepped up to donate land. There we have recommended to the Select Board that the Town establish a Special Fund to begin gathering monies for future land purchase.

Unfortunately Kevin Wall has moved to Hebron and therefore stepped down as an elected Cemetery Trustee. However, he remains interested in our activities and agreed to stay on to assist the Committee in 2010 goal completion.

Goals for 2010

- 1) Replace fence at Cheever cemetery (Town to pay for materials & D Acres to complete construction as Community Service)
- 2) Complete clean up of Cheever Cemetery - taking out old trees and overhang branches around perimeter (D Acres to complete; they retain chips for their composting operation)
- 3) Cleanup of several Cemeteries in Woods. Kevin & David hope to use volunteers from community, a crew from the Grafton County House of Correction and some staff from D Acres to complete a clean up.
- 4) Removal of trees endangering Historic Cemetery beside Town Hall and Dorchester Town Cemetery on Rte 188. (To be completed as part of Town of Dorchester Forestry Project)

We look forward to a newly elected Cemetery Trustee and invite anyone interested to volunteer for our planned activities.



2009 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Town Building Fund

Balance 12/31/08	\$7,024.02
New Funds 2009	\$0.00
Expended 2009	\$3,000.00
Interest 2009.....	\$36.34
Balance 12/31/09	\$4,060.36

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance 12/31/08	\$6,322.37
New Funds 2009	\$0.00
Expended 2009.....	\$0.00
Interest 2009.....	\$187.97
Balance 12/31/09	\$6,510.34

Bridges Fund

Balance 12/31/08	\$508.92
New Funds 2009	\$0.00
Expended 2009.....	\$0.00
Interest 2009.....	\$1.63
Balance 12/31/09	\$510.55

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance 12/31/08	\$383.80
New Funds 2009	\$0.00
Expended 2009.....	\$0.00
Interest 2009.....	\$1.21
Balance 12/31/09	\$385.01

CEMETERY TRUSTS

Lucy Hazen & Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/08	\$306.16
Interest ~ 2009	\$1.74
Balance ~ 12/31/09	\$307.90

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/08	\$935.64
Interest ~ 2009	\$5.31
Balance ~ 12/31/09	\$940.95

Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/08	\$1,558.46
Interest ~ 2009	\$8.84
Balance ~ 12/31/09	\$1,567.30

J.C. Davenport Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/08	\$223.63
Interest ~ 2009	\$1.27
Balance ~ 12/31/09	\$224.90

Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/08	\$392.22
Interest ~ 2009	\$2.23
Balance ~ 12/31/09	\$394.45

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/08	\$2,464.08
Interest ~ 2009	\$13.98
Balance ~ 12/31/09	\$2,478.06

All Cemeteries Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/08	\$2,605.82
Interest ~ 2009	\$14.78
Balance ~ 12/31/09	\$2,620.60

DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE.....\$48,789.12

Executive Officers

Burdette, Arthur, Selectman, Salary\$1,875.00
Additional Wages & Expenses\$807.60
Conkey, David, Selectman, Salary\$2,500.00
Cote, John, Selectman, Salary\$625.00
Franz, Albert J., Selectman, Salary\$2,500.00
Additional Wages & Expenses\$1,570.26

Executive Expenses

AT&T\$455.24
Fairpoint\$916.31
Howe, Brian, Expenses\$1,492.72
IDS\$74.18
Landry, Linda (Secretary/Bookkeeper)\$16,640.00
Largent, John (web design).....\$220.50
Local Government Center\$60.00
Matthew Bender & Co. (Legal Books)\$553.20
N.H. Municipal Association (Dues)\$594.59
Office Expenses\$10,900.00
Rocky Branch Trading, LLC.....\$133.74
Staples (Office Supplies)\$4,513.09
Sunapee Business Systems (checks).....\$278.77
U.S. Post Office\$210.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages\$(4,468.92)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.\$6,337.84

REGISTRATION/ELECTION\$1,793.78

Abell, Donna, Ballot Clerk\$140.00
Burdette, Arthur, Moderator\$294.00
Burdette, Diana, Ballot Counter\$40.00
Conkey, Holly, Supervisor\$200.00
Davis, Michelle, Ballot Counter\$20.00
Franz, Patricia, Ballot Clerk\$110.00
Grace, Jennifer, Ballot Counter\$20.00
Grace, Scott, Ballot Counter\$20.00

Hebert, Claudette, Ballot Counter	\$20.00
Howe, Brian, Ballot Counter.....	\$20.00
Howe, Matthew, Ballot Counter	\$20.00
Limoges, Karen, Supervisor	\$170.00
Morrissey, John III, Ballot Clerk	\$140.00
Oaks, Darlene, Supervisor.....	\$255.00
Trought, Elizabeth, Assistant Moderator	\$110.00
Wall, Kevin, Ballot Counter.....	\$40.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages.....	\$(70.78)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$141.56
Local Government Center, Moderator Exp.	\$20.00
The Pennysaver (notices)	\$84.00

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION.....\$12,723.89

Conkey, Holly, Auditor, Salary.....	\$150.00
Walker, Martha, Auditor, Salary.....	\$150.00
Auditors' Expenses.....	\$17.77
Avitar Business Systems	\$3,023.00
Howe, Brenda, Tax Collector, Salary.....	\$2,000.00
Fees.....	\$1,526.31
Expenses and Additional Wages.....	\$2,613.40
Oaks, Darlene, Deputy Tax Collector	\$60.00
Lynn W. Wheeler, Lien & Deed Title Searches	\$384.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association	\$20.00
U.S. Post Office	\$672.00
Howe, Brian, Treasurer, Salary	\$1,500.00
Grace, Jennifer, Deputy Treasurer	\$60.00
Returned Item Charges, Returned Deposit Item.....	\$16.00
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	
Merchant Capture Fees.....	\$70.00
Burdette, Diana, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	\$50.00
Oaks, Darlene, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	\$50.00
Towne, Carol, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	\$50.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages.....	\$(311.41)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$622.82

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY.....\$14,042.30

Avitar Associates of New England	\$70.00
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Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, Assessors	\$2,495.00
Grafton County Registry of Deeds	\$574.50
Landry, Linda, Assessing Secretary.....	\$2,600.00
John W. McSorley Consulting.....	\$7,560.00
Morrill, David (Current Use).....	\$476.22
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials	\$20.00
U.S. Post Office	\$220.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages	\$(26.58)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$53.16

LEGAL\$3,614.48

Mitchell Municipal Group, PA.....	\$3,564.48
Driveway Regulations/Litigation....	\$2,073.08
General Government.....	\$1,491.40
N.H. Municipal Association.....	\$50.00

RECORDING & REPORTING \$7,580.21

Howe, Brenda, Town Clerk.....	\$4,862.97
Howe, Brian, Expenses	\$14.80
Oaks, Darlene, Deputy Town Clerk	\$2,134.25
NH City & Town Clerks Association.....	\$20.00
NHCTCA/Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Reg.	\$70.00
Price Digests	\$36.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages	\$(442.19)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$884.38

PLANNING & ZONING.....\$5,256.96

Burdette, Arthur (Board of Adjustment).....	\$62.50
Burdette, Arthur (Planning Board).....	\$250.00
Conkey, David (Board of Adjustment)	\$250.00
Cote, John A. (Planning Board).....	\$62.50
Franz, Patricia (Planning Board)	\$250.00
Franz, Patricia (Board of Adjustment).....	\$187.50
Hebert, Claudette (Board of Adjustment).....	\$250.00
Howe, Michael (Planning Board).....	\$250.00
Landry, Linda (Planning Board).....	\$250.00
Landry, Michael (Board of Adjustment).....	\$250.00
Mock, Michael (Board of Adjustment)	\$187.50

Morrill, David (Board of Adjustment)	\$250.00
Trought, William (Planning Board).....	\$187.50
Landry, Linda	
Secretary to Planning Board	\$242.00
Secretary to Board of Adjustment	\$145.00
Expenses	\$651.00
Franz, Patricia (Expenses, Historic District)	\$54.00
NH O.E.P (Workshops)	\$200.00
Preservation Alliance (Books)	\$102.00
The Pennysaver (notices).....	\$203.50
True Color Print & Design (maps)	\$86.30
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council	\$505.20
Valley News (notices).....	\$179.70
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages.....	\$(200.76)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$401.52

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS \$26,222.49

Barrows, Christopher (Buildings & Grounds).	\$490.00
Franz, John (Buildings & Grounds)	\$626.42
Hebert, Claudette (Custodian).....	\$2,455.00
Stockwell, Dean (Buildings & Grounds).....	\$55.00
AT&T.....	\$187.02
Canaan Hardware	\$2,429.93
Dead River Co. (fuel).....	\$4,464.86
Dorchester Plumbing and Heating.....	\$523.48
Fairpoint	\$403.23
K & R Portable Toilets	\$2,520.00
Nash, David (Installation of front doors)	\$4,804.71
N.H. Electric Cooperative	\$1,416.68
Posnanski's Custom Woodworking (doors).....	\$2,300.00
Rocky Branch Trading, LLC.....	\$171.17
Ryezak One Stop & Oil Co.	\$93.70
The Pennysaver (notices)	\$220.00
Tri-State Fire Protection (fire extinguishers)	\$198.92
Yeaton Oil Co.....	\$2,637.07
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages.....	\$(225.30)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$450.60

CEMETERIES.....	\$2,130.80
Walker, Martha.....	\$625.00
Equipment Expense	\$951.20
Woolley, Doris	\$350.00
Equipment Expense	\$130.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages	\$(74.60)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$149.20
INSURANCE.....	\$23,325.16
HealthTrust (health insurance)	\$15,461.72
Property/Liability.....	\$3,760.58
Workers' Compensation	\$3,970.86
Unemployment Compensation	\$132.00
TAX DEED PROPERTIES	\$7,302.25
Kevin Bolash Welding	\$191.25
Hammond Grinding & Recycling, Inc.	\$7,111.00
TOWN REPORT	\$1,736.60
Fred B. Estabrook Co. (printing).....	\$1,306.00
Linda Landry (preparation).....	\$400.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages	\$(30.60)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$61.20
BURIALS.....	\$735.00
A.M. Rand Co. (Cost Reimbursed by Funeral Dir).....	\$485.00
George Conkey, II, (Cost Reimbursed by Funeral Dir) ..	\$250.00
PUBLIC SAFETY.....	\$31,328.08
Ambulance.....	\$5,500.00
Canaan F.A.S.T.....	\$2,750.00
Warren/Wentworth Ambulance	\$2,750.00
Fire Protection	\$20,995.93
Town of Canaan.....	\$12,860.43
Town of Rumney	\$7,040.50
Rumney Fire Department.....	\$1,095.00
Forest Fire Dept.....	\$420.14
John Jay Legg	\$7,040.50

Michael Joyce \$68.08
 FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages\$(28.42)
 FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt \$56.84

Emergency Management \$499.96

Albert Franz (E.O.C. Expenses)\$299.25
 Arthur Burdette\$10.21
 Linda Landry (Expenses)\$150.00
 True Color Print & Design (maps)\$40.50

Communications\$3,703.24

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid\$3,603.24
 LRMFA Membership\$100.00

Animal Control\$208.81

Rands Do It Best.....\$48.81
 Upper Valley Humane Society\$160.00

HIGHWAYS & STREETS..... \$212,927.18

Payroll.....\$56,897.28
 FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages..... \$(14,589.16)
 FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. \$12,230.72
 Paid to State of NH.....\$3,987.00
 N.H. Retirement \$4,516.33
 Town Maintenance.....\$149,885.01

SANITATION..... \$22,917.76

Administration

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Dues \$440.76
 Plymouth Village Water & Sewer\$100.00

Solid Waste Disposal

Town of Rumney, Transfer Station\$22,377.00

HEALTH..... ..\$2,784.50

Senior Citizens Council Inc.....\$800.00
 Mascoma Valley Health Initiative\$259.50
 Visiting Nurse Alliance VT & NH.....\$1,700.00
 NH Health Officers Association\$25.00

WELFARE..... \$11,061.72

Administration & Direct Assistance

Landry, Linda, Director\$1,200.00

Franz, Patricia, Assistant Director	\$60.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages	\$(97.93)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$195.86
Canaan Cash Market	\$400.00
Dave Zani & Patty Sweetser	\$2,000.00
Samuel & Janice Faulkner	\$1,750.00
Debra Burke	\$1,300.00
Michael Landry	\$40.00
N.H. Electric Cooperative	\$2,233.23
Patriot Fuels, Inc.	\$660.56

Vendor Payments

Tri-County Community Action	\$1,300.00
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CAPITAL OUTLAY\$1,500.00

Building Restoration Grant Search

Catelena Consulting, LLC	\$1,000.00
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Cemeteries Grant Search

Catelena Consulting, LLC	\$500.00
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ABATEMENTS.....\$238.42

Lindberg (from overlay)	\$238.42
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DEBT SERVICE.....\$84,181.74

Tax Anticipation Loan Principal	\$84,000.00
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Tax Anticipation Loan Interest	\$181.74
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STATE OF NEW HAMSHIRE\$577.50

NH Dept. of Agriculture (Animal Pop. Control)	\$490.50
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Secretary of State (Vital Statistics)	\$87.00
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TAX LIENS PURCHASED (LEVY OF 2008)\$42,741.97

GRAFTON COUNTY TAXES.....\$53,027.00

MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT\$342,882.00

2009 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL\$63,042.17

George C. Conkey II (Road Agent)	\$30,462.50
George C. Conkey II (Additional Wages)	\$2,045.97
Blodgett, Scott	\$200.00
Conkey, Daniel	\$790.00
Conkey, David	\$50.00
Conkey, Conkey III	\$900.00
Lassor, Lynn	\$21,798.81
Wilkins, George	\$650.00
Yetman, David	\$240.00
FICA & Withholding Withheld from Salaries /Wages.....	(\$14,589.16)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt.	\$12,230.72
State of NH (DHHS).....	\$3,987.00
NH Retirement System	\$4,516.33

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES\$10,403.39

ATCO International.	\$637.95
B-B Chain	\$439.40
Canaan Hardware.....	\$379.60
Chappell Tractor Sales, Inc.....	\$62.90
Fastenal	\$152.66
Conkey, George II	\$31.95
Granite State Two-Way	\$1,044.50
Karen Limoges.....	\$30.00
Kibby Equipment.....	\$2,162.69
Lakes Region Two Way	\$290.70
Liberty International Trucks	\$75.11
NHPWMAP	\$25.00
Rands Do It Best Hardware.	\$799.70
Rocky Branch Trading, LLC	\$669.08
Sabil & Sons	\$70.56
Sosmetal Products.....	\$386.11
The Pennysaver (publishing bids)	\$137.50
Tri State Fire Protection (fire extinguishers)	\$198.92
UniFirst (uniforms)	\$963.18
Uniformly Yours.....	\$592.85

Wise Guy's Auto Parts.....\$1,253.03

FUEL..... \$8,693.43

Bradford/Pratt's Co. (diesel).\$3,601.87

Yeaton Oil Co., Inc.\$5,091.56

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES.....\$14,504.39

E.W. Sleeper Co.....\$3,176.02

Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.....\$485.39

Jordan Equipment\$3,405.99

Kevin Bolash Welding\$1,723.35

Liberty International.....\$2,680.04

Rocky Branch Trading\$106.01

Rte. 118 Automotive\$2,160.55

Sabil & Sons.....\$767.04

CHEVROLET 5500 Expenses/Lease.....\$24,605.09

Burdette, Arthur\$35.75

Donovan Equipment.....\$334.50

E.W. Sleeper\$183.42

GMAC Financial Services\$18,966.38

Howard P. Fairfield.....\$391.35

Jordan Equipment\$720.00

Kelley MacKenzie Auto Parts.....\$43.98

Kevin Bolash Welding\$1,198.05

Kirk's Truck Auto & Tire Center.....\$323.53

Liberty International Trucks\$46.99

Monroe Repairs.....\$1,727.80

Route 118 Automotive\$414.23

Sabil & Sons.....\$219.11

FORD RANGER..... \$3,041.68

Kelley MacKenzie Auto Parts Inc.....\$16.74

Rte. 118 Automotive\$2,409.12

Ryezak One Stop & Oil Co.....\$597.82

The Irwin Zone.....\$18.00

CATERPILLAR LOADER..... \$5,484.78

Jordan Equipment\$614.03

Milton CAT	\$2,387.26
Rocky Branch Trading, LLD	\$194.19
Route 118 Automotive.....	\$1,706.16
Sabil & Sons	\$518.14
Wilson Tire Inc.	\$65.00

HUBER D1400 GRADER.....\$10,418.18

Accurate Gear and Machine Inc.	\$1,838.01
Brian A. Howe	\$102.65
Dave's Starter & Alternator	\$455.05
Granite State Two-Way LLC.....	\$311.40
Liberty International Trucks	\$61.84
Michael G. Howe	\$5,592.50
Rocky Branch Trading, LLC	\$1,142.17
Sabil & Sons	\$15.96
Weller Tractor Salvage	\$849.80
Wise Guys Auto Parts.....	\$48.80

OTHER EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE\$875.25

AIRGAS.	\$363.00
Albert J. Franz	\$35.00
Brian Howe	\$179.80
David A. Conkey	\$129.00
Daniel Conkey	\$96.00
Joe's Equipment Service.....	\$72.45

RENTALS.....\$4,340.00

E.W. Sleeper (Grader).....	\$2,800.00
Owens Leasing Co.	\$1,540.00

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS.....\$43,286.38

Cargill Incorporated (Salt)	\$6,880.98
CWS Fence & Guardrail.....	\$2,210.00
Ferguson (culverts)	\$13,309.28
Henry L. Melanson (mulch hay).....	\$684.00
Holly Conkey	\$52.00
Kevin Bolash Welding.....	\$202.50
Pike Industries Inc.	\$2,454.60
United Rentals	\$177.98

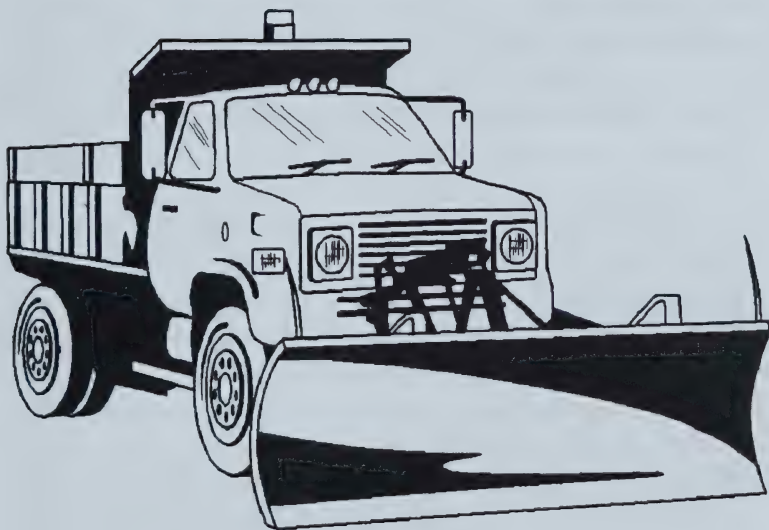
Warren Sand & Gravel.....\$15,952.50
 Yeaton Agway Services.....\$1,362.54

SHOP EXPENSES..... \$3,252.44

Dead River Company.....\$608.71
 Fairpoint Communications.....\$735.51
 N.H. Electric Cooperative.....\$1,694.22
 Pinpoint & Company.....\$99.00
 Ryezak One Stop & Oil Co.....\$115.00

CONTRACTED SERVICES.....\$20,980.00

GMI Asphalt.\$20,900.00
 Michael A. Landry\$80.00



Road Agent's Report

2009

The Dorchester Highway Department is committed first and foremost to maintaining town roads at a level that will allow residents and visitors alike to travel safely and efficiently whether it is to work, school, shopping or just enjoying the beauty that Dorchester's back roads have to offer. Secondly, we are dedicated to providing the best quality product for our hard earned tax dollars. Although, there never seems to be enough hours in a day nor enough money to complete all of the much needed road projects, it is this time of the year, between the next snow storm and the onset of "mud" season to reflect on just what we have been able to accomplish.

It has long been the goal of the Highway Department to complete as much work as possible "in house". Both money and time are saved when equipment and material are available in town. To accomplish this, Highway Block Grant Funds were used to purchase a 1968 Huber Grader 140D equipped with a "snow" wing. This has allowed the highway department to "grade", ditch, and maintain gravel roads as necessary; as well as winter snow wing back. This should extend the service life of our "aging" primary plow truck. Historically, winter and summer, our maintenance schedule has been dependent upon such factors as the availability of contracted equipment and operators; as well as the primary consideration, **WEATHER!** With constant increases in the cost of petroleum products, paving has become increasingly impractical as a cost to benefit option where road surfaces are concerned. Roadsides were mowed with contracted equipment using "in-house" labor. Considerable time was spent repairing and painting guardrails in several locations around town.

Six (6) sets of culverts were replaced and guardrail installed along the summer maintained portion of the Old North Dorchester Road. Although not maintained for winter travel, there have been increased demands for more regular maintenance as traffic has increased during summer months. Popular as a “short cut” for those over north that need to travel south and vice versus; it is also one of the most beautiful stretches of road in Dorchester, with its beautiful stone walls and old growth forests on either side; culminating or beginning at the historic Dorchester Common.

Rapidly deteriorating Thayer Hill, once paved, is plagued with broken pavement, deep “pot holes”, and collapsed or undersized culverts. The ability to plow Thayer Hill this winter was in serious doubt. Without jeopardizing possible grant funds, 600’ of pavement was removed and with improved ditching we have been able to plow to the top of Thayer Hill for one more year. Safety and maintenance considerations, primarily addressing the physical characteristics of this stretch, will likely require eventual repaving.

The long suffering residents of Cheever Road have enjoyed some relief from their concerns due to the grinding and reclamation of 3,025 feet of Cheever Road. Though, not a total cure, it is a step in the right direction. The drainage and paving portion of this project is included in pending grant applications.

In the past, Province Road has been one of the last “summer” roads opened to regular traffic. Due to its shaded nature, thawing and drying of the surface takes considerably longer than other roads. In an effort to get increased sun and air flow to the road surface, Gordon Coursey generously offered to cut and remove the brush and trees from both sides of the summer maintained portion of Province Road at no cost to the town.

In an effort to substantially improve the cul-de-sac at the end of Cross Road, which serves as the turn-around for town equipment, a large area was ditched, culverts replaced, and material added.

FEMA money was secured for two projects related to the August 6, 2008 flood event. Permanent repairs to the shoulders of Walker Hill, and drainage and surface repairs to Bickford Woods Road were completed. (As of 12/31/09 funds applied for had not been received; these funds have since been received)

At the direction of the Board of Selectmen, Highway Department personnel and equipment were assigned to clean up tax deeded property in the fall. Although necessary immediate road concerns were addressed, regular maintenance activities were interrupted for approximately three weeks to accomplish this directive.

Although frustrating and unpopular to have to take a “hands off” approach to general repairs on roads where grant requests are pending, the end product may be better and more cost effective for the taxpayers. Another long term benefit, highlighted while applying for grants, was the importance of maintaining accurate road maintenance records. Files have been created for each town road where material, equipment and labor records will be kept. Pre-trip sheets for each piece of equipment are completed by the operator before starting a job; the condition of the equipment and fuel consumption is documented. Copies of the pre-trip sheets are turned in with the bi-weekly time sheet. A monthly report documenting fuel consumption is place on file.

Concerns regarding safety and security at the town Highway Yard have been expressed and continue to be addressed. Electrical upgrades are in the planning stage for 2010.

Plans for the ensuing year include bridge rail and guardrail improvement, increased surface and ditch maintenance, and continued (non grant related) culvert replacement.

Grants have been submitted for the following roads:

- ⇒ Cheever Road
- ⇒ North Dorchester Road from the Wentworth town line to the top of Thayer Hill
- ⇒ Province Road

Specific questions, in regard to the individual projects addressed by these grant applications, should be directed to the Board of Selectmen.

Contention relative to authority and obligation has made for an interesting year. In these difficult economic times, it is no surprise that we must all strive to maximize the use of public funds, I am confident that all parties involved have the best interest of the town at heart.

For those of you who do not live on town maintained roads, I invite you to travel, view and comment, positive or negative, on the work of the Dorchester Highway Department. If you have an urgent road related concern, please call the Highway Garage and leave a message (786-2385), I will return your call as soon as I am able.

Respectfully submitted,
George C. Conkey, II
Road Agent

DORCHESTER PLANNING BOARD 2009

Despite a faltering economy and lack luster home sales, the Dorchester Planning Board has been extremely active during 2009. Four subdivisions were approved, the Dorchester Floodplain Management Ordinance was approved by the voters in March, the Driveway permitting process was revised and Subdivision definitions were revised and clarified and are in the process of being reviewed by Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (U.V.L.S.R.P.C.).

During January and February, Public Hearings were held on Dorchester's Floodplain Management Ordinance in preparation for the March public vote. Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Grafton County, indicating areas determined by FEMA to pose the greatest flood danger were reviewed by the Planning Board. U.V.L.S.R.P.C. added those flood prone areas to Dorchester's Hazard Mitigation map which is available for viewing at the Town Office; smaller versions are available from the Planning Board upon request. Planning Board member, Patricia Franz spent all day at the polls explaining and answering questions about the Floodplain Management Ordinance. The Planning Board's efforts were rewarded when Dorchester's Floodplain Management Ordinance was overwhelmingly approved by the voters on March 10th (104 approved ~ 31 opposed). The ordinance was certified by the Town Clerk, approved by the State of New Hampshire's Office of Floodplain Management and Dorchester's application to join the National Flood Insurance Program was accepted on July 15, 2009, making Dorchester residents eligible to purchase flood insurance. In April, following a Public Hearing, Flood Hazard Area Standards were adopted as an addendum to Dorchester's Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations.

Following the March election, the Planning Board welcomed William Trought to the Board, and Arthur Burdette moved into the position of Selectmen's Representative. Bill Trought offered to fill the long vacant position as Dorchester's representative on the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Michael Howe was re-elected as Chairman and Patricia Franz was elected as Vice Chairman. Dorchester was well represented at the Annual Fall Planning & Zoning Conference sponsored by the Office of Energy and Planning with Arthur Burdette, William Trought, Patricia Franz and Linda Landry participating in a variety of informative workshops.

The first of four minor subdivisions was reviewed by the Planning Board in May. The proposed subdivision of Lots #12-617.1 and #12-617.2, Daniel and Linda Lindberg, owners of record and located on River Road, called for the combining of two (2) lots into one; then subdividing the combined lot into three (3) lots. After the initial review it was determined that two of the proposed lots did not meet requirement IVA 2b 3 of Dorchester's Land Use Regulations. ***"No lot shall hereafter be created which shall have a depth more than four times its road frontage, unless such lot shall have an overall area in excess of 15 acres."*** Two of the proposed lots were lacking ± 10 feet of road frontage. An Area Variance would need to be granted by the Board of Adjustment, before the Planning Board could act upon the proposed subdivision. The Area Variance was granted by the Board of Adjustment in June and the Subdivision approved by the Planning Board in July.

The second minor subdivision proposal called for the subdivision of Lot #7-380.1, Nancy Jolicoeur, owner of record and located at the corner of NH Route 118 and Streeter Woods Road, into two (2) lots. Following a Public Hearing

on September 9th, approval was granted. That same evening the preliminary review of a proposed three (3) lot minor subdivision of Lot # 16-914, Arthur and Shirley Southland, owners of record, located on Province Road, was held. A Public Hearing on the proposed subdivision was held on October 14th and approved.

The final subdivision of 2009 called for a two (2) lot subdivision of Lot #15-931 belonging to Velma Adams and John Q. Adams, Jr. located on NH Route 118. The subdivision was approved following a Public Hearing on November 11th.

Although subdivisions take a great deal of research and examination by the Planning Board, it has had the privilege of working with three highly qualified land surveyors, who have taken the time to become familiar with Dorchester's Subdivision Regulations to insure that all of the requirements have been met. Their presentations are detailed and informative making the process of subdivision smooth not only for their clients but the Planning Board as well. The Dorchester Planning Board wish to thank, Scott Sanborn of Cardigan Mountain Land Surveys, Kevin French of French Land Services and John March of Mountain Mapping for providing a "model" of what a subdivision should be. This approach benefits their clients and provides a much needed increase in the tax base for the Town of Dorchester.

In October, the Planning Board adopted a two-step permitting process for driveways; recommended by the Board of Selectmen as permit officers for the town. Under this new process:

- 1) Applicants would complete an Application to Construct, Alter, Repair or Relocate a driveway in order to obtain access to an existing town road.

- 2) Upon receipt of the Application, the Permit Officers and Road Agent would visit the site, and if the location meets with Drive Regulations, a **“Permit to Construct”** would be issued; valid for one year from the date issued.
- 3) Upon completion of the construction phase, the applicant would notify the Permit Office. The Permit Officers and Road Agent would inspect the completed driveway to determine if the requirements of the Driveway Regulations have been met. If so, the final permit, a **“Permit to Operate”** would be issued.

The Planning Board has worked throughout the year reviewing, clarifying revising and correcting the definitions in Section 2 of Dorchester’s Subdivision Regulations. At this time a draft of those revisions are in the capable hands of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for review and recommendations. A Public Hearing on those revisions will take place in 2010.

In 2010, the Dorchester Planning Board will be directing its attention to updating Dorchester’s Master Plan. The Board will be looking for input from the residents of Dorchester as to the direction they think Dorchester should take. Our “old” Master Plan has served us well, but is long over due for a review.

The Planning Board continues to meet at the Town Office on the second Wednesday of each month; the public is always welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Secretary at 523-7119 or by email at townofdorchester@earthlink.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorchester Planning Board



Dorchester Planning Board Meetings 2010

2nd Wednesdays

7:00 P.M.

Town Office

January 13

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Animal Control Officer's Report

As I look back at 2009, it was a quiet, yet productive year, for the Town of Dorchester regarding my role as the ACO. First, I would like to commend the residents of Dorchester for their role in being responsible animal owners. During the month of April, when dog licensing is due, I had a small number of owners not in compliance. Upon investigation, the number went to zero due to people having moved or lost the companionship of a trusted "friend" after many years. Taking care of one more thing during the month of April can often be a challenge, but one that you all have stepped up to, accepted and accomplished. Thank you!!!!

In September 2009, Dorchester's Animal Control Procedure Policy was adopted and put in place. Under the direction of the Dorchester Selectmen, I, as ACO, have been given clear guidelines as to how to complete my duties. This policy clearly outlines my responsibilities, a procedure for licensing and fees, custody and impoundment, definitions of dogs at large, a menace, nuisance or vicious, and a structured penalty system for all incidents which is both fair and just. This policy protects the townspeople in all areas associated with my role. With clear definitions and direction, all parties involved will be treated with fairness and allow me to perform my duties to the best of my ability.

As tough economic times continue, it seems that everyone has been touch by this challenge in one way or another. I understand that caring for animals can be a financial burden and yet choosing to "give up" a treasured family pet can tear families apart. I have assisted many people in keeping their pets and can offer many areas of assistance to others if need be. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have a question or

need advice, because you never know what is available until you ask.

I have thoroughly enjoyed performing my duties as ACO. Thank you for allowing me to do so and remember I am here for you, the residents of Dorchester.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cookie Hebert
ACO Town of Dorchester
603-523-7803
cookienh@aol.com



DORCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

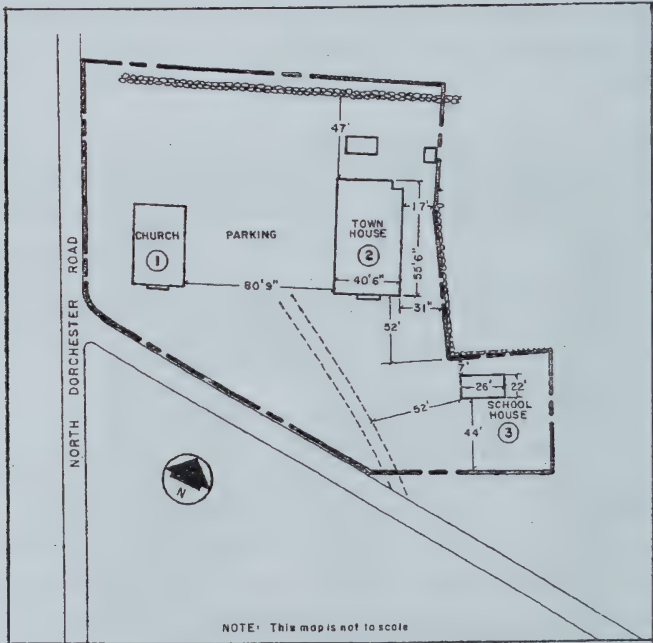
The Dorchester Historic District Commission met frequently during this past year, dealing with a variety of issues. Only one Application for Certification of Approval, submitted by the Selectmen for the replacement of the Town Hall doors on the front of the building, was presented to the Commission. As noted in last year's report by the Commission, doors which earlier had been constructed for the Hall were deemed unsatisfactory by the Selectmen as well as by Commission members. The present doors, completed by Al Posnanski, a master woodworker based in Canaan, NH with over thirty years of experience, were expertly constructed and deemed more than satisfactory. The members of the Commission wish to thank the Selectmen for following through on having replacement doors constructed that are beautifully crafted and suitable to the historical period of the Town Hall.

Another item under discussion and put to a vote was the request made by the Dorchester Board of Selectmen to selectively cut trees around and near the District as a means to protect town buildings from the danger of storm-damaged falling trees. After viewing the trees in question and stipulating that certain trees not be removed due to their not being a hazard but being of aesthetic value, the Commission agreed to allow the Selectmen to proceed.

The topic of discussion and debate utilizing most of the Commission members' time was that of updating the ordinance and regulations and taking steps to facilitate making information more available to the public. To that end, members reviewed and discussed possible changes that would improve the document, forwarding those suggestions to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for their review; consulted with Mr. Scott Sanborn, of Cardigan Mountain Land Surveys, who offered his assistance in determining the central point of the District; researched the deeds of abutters Mary Ellen Kahn and of the Dorchester Community Church to find further information

regarding the boundaries and center of the District; researched also the establishment of the District Commission and of the Heritage Commission; discussed information regarding term limits and their repeal by the NH state legislature in 1981; created a notebook containing minutes of DHDC meetings, made it accessible to residents and took steps to ensure that future minutes not be misplaced in the town office; discussed the purchase of a plaque by the town to indicate the center of the District once said center is established. The Commission will continue its work on the clarification of the regulations during 2010. All meetings are open to the public and we urge interested residents to attend and to express their interest in the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia E. Franz, Chairman
Dorchester Historic District Commission



DORCHESTER COMMON HISTORIC DISTRICT

The area within the black lines is the area of the Historic District entered on the National Register of Historic Places on March 7, 1985

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The Commission is one of nine regional planning commission in New Hampshire created to coordinate all aspects of planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies and provide advisory technical assistance on land use issues. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charleston along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Over the past year the Commission has expended a significant amount of energy increasing visibility, public relations and identifying the needs of the communities, ultimately aimed at building stability and capacity in order to better address land use issues that are important to the long-term sustainability of the communities within the region.

Revenue for the Commission was \$721,630.58 for FY09. A large percentage of this funding comes from the Unified Planning Work Program utilizing Federal Highway Administration funding through the NH Department of Transportation. Other state and federal funding sources include the NH Department of Environmental Services, the NH Department of Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Office of Energy and Planning. Member communities and counties provide membership dues. In FY2009 this allowed the Commission to leverage approximately \$350,000 in state and federal funds, and provided with the Commission with just over 15% of its revenue.

The Commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. These Commissioners represent your community's interests in the work the Commission does. The Commission had ten new Commissioners appointed by various municipalities and

counties expanding resources and expertise within its leadership and demonstrating considerable renewed interest in regional collaboration. Additionally, Grafton County became a member of the Commission this year.

Some of this year's highlights include initiating Grafton County Coordination Summit which led to Regional Coordinating Councils for transit in Grafton modeled after the Sullivan County RCC which the Commission has shepherded for 3 years. We also developed a program for solid waste transportation management planning assistance for Sullivan County through USDA Solid Waste funding. In addition we secured funding and have begun work on developing a site for an Intermodal facility within the Upper Valley and completed four Natural Resource Inventories, three Master Plan sections and numerous reviews of zoning ordinances and local land use policies.

The Commission provides a significant amount of hours of technical assistance to communities that inquire about specific local issues, data requests or needed resources. The communities of Claremont, Charlestown, Dorchester, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lempster, Lyme, Orford, Plainfield, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Washington and Wilmot all took advantage of these services this past year.

The Commission was engaged in over 45 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region.

We have already begun work on many new initiatives in the region and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE

DISTRICT

2009 Annual Report

In 2009 the District continued its efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and decrease the toxicity of our waste stream. The District met five times during the year and wide array of subject matter was discussed and disseminated. Items of significant interest this past year included recycling markets, new storm water permitting regulations, the NCES landfill in Bethlehem, and the household hazardous waste program.

Since bottoming out in late 2008 and early 2009, the markets for recyclables have vastly improved and are at or very near historical averages. When selling your recyclable materials, members are strongly encouraged to call multiple brokers as prices can vary between brokers. Even small differences can add up to significant dollars over the course of a year. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for member towns to incorporate to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. The District is fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as part of its member base, as well as having a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators and committee representatives available for support and assistance. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please be sure to use the resources you have available. Towns should keep in mind that New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate.

More information on the grant program is available at www.nhthebeautiful.org.

The District's household hazardous waste program once again allowed residents the opportunity to properly dispose of their unwanted or outdated hazardous household products. Over 200 residents came to one or more of the three collection events held this past summer. A number of recycling centers were also able to dispose of the household hazardous waste that they had accumulated in the past year. The net expenditure for the 2009 program was \$17,500. This was a reduction of nearly \$9,500 from the 2008 program. The District plans to hold two collection events in 2010. They will be held in Littleton and Plymouth. Dates have not yet been set but tentative plans are to hold the collections in August and September. Check with your recycling center later in the year for the exact dates.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers.

Respectively Submitted,
Robert Berti, Chairman
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District



Report to the People of District One

By

Ray Burton, Councilor District One

2009 was indeed the year of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)/Stimulus Funds in New Hampshire!

As of November 4, 2009, \$579,305,870.00 had been allocated in New Hampshire in nine areas; Business/community; education; employment; energy; health; housing; safety; technology and transportation. Of that \$181,463,876.00 went to Council District One towns and cities and the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan.

The ARRA money has enabled local, state and county government to work on projects that have been in process and planning for years. For a complete listing of these projects go to: **www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm** or write to my office.

Governor Lynch has now submitted the New Hampshire Transportation Plan to the New Hampshire House and Senate. Highways/bridges, rail, aviation and public projects are among the proposed recommendations. Contact your local State Senator and Legislator for details about what projects you believe to be key ones for your region.

As Councilor, I do not see new revenues being raised in New Hampshire State Government. With the decline in existing revenues leading to cut backs in services, only time will determine what the law making branch has in mind for new dollars. Keep in close touch with your local State Senator and Legislator to make sure costs are NOT passed on to county and local government.

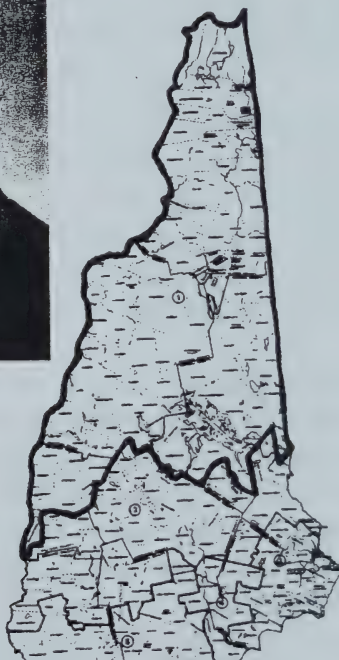
The Governor and Council are required by law to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Governor John Lynch, Attention: Jennifer Kuzma, Appointment Liaison, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. For the current list of what possible appointments might be coming up go to:

<http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>.

There is a constant flow of informational items available at my office: tourist maps, consumer handbooks and the New Hampshire Constitution. Each Monday I send, via e-mail, the schedule of my weekly meetings and other information. Send me your e-mail to be added to the list at **rburton@nh.gov** or find the schedule of my State House web page at:

<http://www.nh.gov/council/district1/schedules>.

Contact my office anytime I can be of help.



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

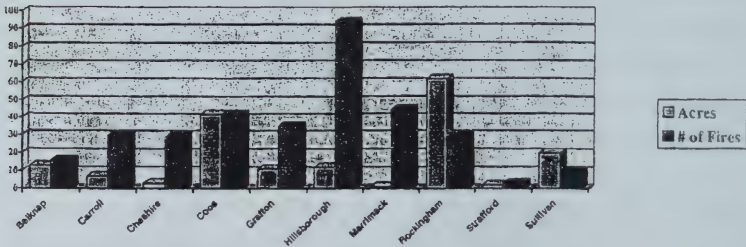
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forest & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly, the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of

Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2009 FIRE STATISTICS
 (All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)
 (figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	4	2009	334	173
Debris	184	2008	455	175
Campfire	18	2007	437	212
Children	12	2006	500	473
Smoking	15	2005	546	174
Railroad	5			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	0			
Misc.*	91	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE

Representative on the Board of Directors

Betty Ann Trought ~ Dorchester

The Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (MVHI) is a nonprofit public health agency serving the 13 towns of the New Hampshire Upper Valley public health region, including the Town of Dorchester.

- **Agency Description:** MVHI's mission is to protect and promote the health of the residents of the Upper Valley by delivering the ten essential services of public health through programs, assessment, research, education, planning and prevention. MVHI provides regional leadership of public health initiatives, mobilizing private, municipal, state and federal resources for the benefit of our community.

MVHI is a rural public health organization, strongly focused on serving our rural communities. We were established in 2001 by a grassroots coalition of public health advocates in the Mascoma Valley, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In the ensuing years we have grown to serve the entire Upper Valley region, supported through a combination of private foundation funding, community-based philanthropy, and state, municipal and federal grants. We remain true to our rural roots through the commitment of our Board of Directors to this component of our bylaws: "MVHI will honor its origin as a rural public health coalition by maintaining a focus on the health needs of the residents of the smaller and/or less populated towns of the region."

- **Need:** Residents have characterized the Upper Valley as a region of harshly disparate "haves" and "have nots", and the indicators of this show no more starkly than in our health and behavioral health disparities. Many of our rural residents who

have health and mental health needs live quite far from towns that are rich in resources that are not allocated efficiently or equitably, leaving our population with unmet rural health needs. It is our mission to address these unmet needs through our programs and outreach.

MVHI is the organization that gives voice to the health concerns of our rural residents and communities. Our community-based participatory approach is an effective way to bring our rural people to the table to plan for an improved health future that we equitably share. Incorporation of community involvement, community decision-making and individual and community voice is a guiding principle of all of our projects. We convene key partners to actively seek out and listen to these voices, incorporating their feedback and perspectives into our work.

MVHI serves a region that includes medically underserved populations and health professional shortage areas. We face significant disparities in many areas. For example, our children have higher rates of untreated dental decay, compared to the New Hampshire statewide average. We have nearly twice the rate of maternal smoking during pregnancy, higher rates of teen pregnancy, later initiation of prenatal care, and higher rates of accidental death and injuries.

Our rates of drug and alcohol addiction are higher than national averages, and the rate of binge drinking among adults is higher than the state average. But it is the risk behavior of our youth that may be of highest concern: **Towns in our region are doing worse than the state overall on almost every indicator of youth risk.** More than three quarters of our high school youth feel that they have easy access to alcoholic beverages, and have had at least one drink of alcohol. About a quarter of high school students had their first drink before age 13. Nearly a third of our high school students have engaged in binge drinking. Our youth are exposed to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs earlier than youth

in New Hampshire overall: 69 percent more likely to smoke their first whole cigarette, 49 percent more likely to have their first drink of alcohol, and 90 percent more likely to use marijuana for the first time before age 13, compared to the rest of our state. High school students in some of our schools are much more likely to use drugs including cocaine, inhalants, heroin and methamphetamines, compared to students statewide: Heroin use is 80 percent more prevalent, methamphetamine use is 74 percent more common, and students are 79 percent more likely to use needles to inject an illegal drug.

- **Programs:** MVHI is very active in health promotion and prevention programs in schools. Our programs have included leadership of the All Health Hazards Region emergency response planning effort for several years, and we have conducted public health assessments of access to primary care and transportation. We operated a highly successful program to prevent youth suicide, the Frameworks Youth Suicide Prevention Project, which we are looking to revitalize in the coming year. We have hosted the Mascoma Valley and Upper Valley Tobacco Coalitions, to focus on the serious problem of tobacco prevention among our youth.

MVHI is currently the New Hampshire Immunization Program Regional site for the Upper Valley, conducting programs to immunize our residents to prevent seasonal and H1N1 flu. We are responsible for the organization of school-based H1N1 clinics throughout our region. We are the Strategic Prevention Framework site for the Upper Valley sub-region, responsible for youth coalition-building using a youth empowerment model, to conduct social media and social marketing campaigns to reduce under age alcohol use.

- **Other Support:** MVHI receives funding through the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services for our work as the New Hampshire Immunization Program Regional site. We also have funding from the U.S. Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for our youth alcohol prevention projects. The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation supports our development and philanthropy program. Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital has provided funding for oral health education. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and Children's Hospital at Dartmouth have supported our work in childhood obesity and oral health education. These, like most grants, support specific programs. In order to continue providing programs and services in Dorchester, it is essential that MVHI secure unrestricted funds to support operating expenses and mission-related projects not covered by other grant funding. Your contribution sustains us to develop new approaches to encouraging healthy choices, delivering outreach, information and community health education, and building coalitions to engage the community in solving our public health problems.

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TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM INC.

CAP Community Contact Office

258 Highland Street
Plymouth, NH 03264

Phone: 536-8222 ~ FAX: 536-4742

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that provides a Community Contact Division that provides Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, Homeless Funds (Rental, energy assistance, furnace cleanings), and State-Wide Electric Assistance Program. Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2008-2009:

Services Provided:	# of HH	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	23	\$26,953.00
Weatherization	1	\$2,475.00
Homeless Funds (Rental, energy assistance, furnace clngs)	0	\$0.00
State-Wide Electric Assistance Program	13	\$6,110.00

**THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF
TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE
CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER HAVE
RECEIVED A TOTAL OF
\$35,538.00**

**between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009
This represents an increase of \$12,587.00
from the previous year.**

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities

During 2009, 24 older residents of Dorchester were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or the Mascoma Area Senior Center, adult in-home care or ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Dorchester enjoyed 230 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 35 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- They benefited from one-on-one assistance in their home through 254.5 hours of adult in-home care.

- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 44 visits with a trained outreach worker and 33 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Dorchester's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 294.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Dorchester Residents in 2009 was \$10,724.88.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Dorchester's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

**Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)
Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)**

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of Dorchester

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Dorchester residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the VNA & Hospice made 89 homecare visits to Dorchester residents.

Services included:

Home HealthCare: home visits to residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Long-term Care: home visits to residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

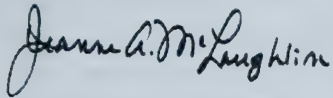
Hospice Services: home visits to residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: home visits to residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Dorchester's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne A. McLaughlin".

Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)

Sincerely,
Jeanne McLaughlin,
President



New Hampshire Municipal Association

The New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) was formed by local officials in 1941 to represent policy concerns of municipalities before the state legislature. During the last 68 years, NHMA has evolved into a comprehensive service and action arm of local governments throughout New Hampshire. Today NHMA responds to hundreds of legal, government affairs and human resource inquiries each year. NHMA also provides significant training opportunities for local officials and employees. The spring Local Officials Workshops, the fall Budget and Finance Workshops, the Welfare Administrators Workshop, the annual Moderators Workshop and the Municipal Law Lecture Series are just a few of our very popular annual programs. Staff also offers training tailored to a specific community or regional need.

NHMA membership also allows a local government unit to participate in the pooled risk management programs for health and employee benefits, property-liability and workers' compensation coverage. More than 70,000 local employees and dependents receive benefits through us, and more than 400 local governments participate in our programs.

As one of 49 State municipal leagues in the United States that network through the National League of Cities, NHMA members are represented in Washington, where NLC staff lobby on behalf of local governments nationwide. NLC also provides regular updates about issues of interest to local government which NHMA can share with its members.

NHMA is governed by a group of 31 municipal officials comprising the Municipal Advocacy Committee (MAC). The members of MAC are elected annually during the NHMA Annual Meeting held at the New Hampshire Local Government Center Annual Conference. MAC meets

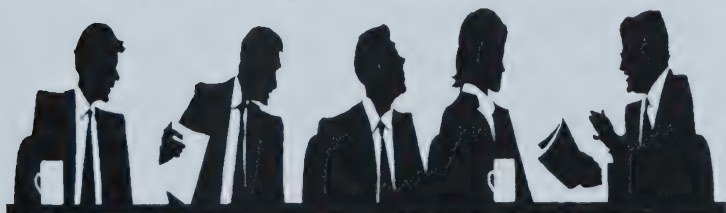
monthly during the legislative session to guide staff in advocacy activities at the State House, and is responsible for the adoption and oversight of the NHMA

Efforts to address the on-going state budget shortfall will continue in the 2010 legislative session and we must remain vigilant to ensure that additional burdens are not downshifted to the property tax. Also, we must be sure that municipalities are always represented in any venue where issues affecting local government are discussed.

It is critical that municipalities “stick together” in advocating for important changes in stature that will benefit local government and in advocating against those issues that will have a detrimental impact on the operation of municipal government. NHMA’s mission to work with cities and towns, assisting in presenting a unified, single-message position to the legislature, helps to keep the voice of local government strong. Particularly in these difficult economic times, “banding together” has a higher likelihood of success than “going it alone.”



New Hampshire Municipal Association



University of New Hampshire

Cooperative Extension

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has been grateful for the support of Grafton County citizens, communities, County Commissioners and the County Delegation in continuing our mission to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Staff members Deborah Maes, Family and Consumer Resources, Arianne Fosdick, Volunteer Management Program Assistant, Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections, Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development, Donna Lee, Teresa Locke and Kristina Vaughan, Administrative Assistants, were joined in November, 2008 by new staff member David Falkenham, Forestry Resources Educator, and in March 2009 by Heather Bryant, Agricultural Resources Educator. The new Educators have actively stepped into their roles to provide educational programming for the citizens of Grafton County and New Hampshire.

Over the past year, the Agricultural Resources program focused on commercial growers and outreach to the growing number of home gardeners in the County, including a large quality of site visits in response to the outbreak of Late Blight. Meetings were held on organic vegetable production and tree fruit integrated pest management. The office was a host site for growers to participate in a series of webinars on strawberry production. A six part gardening workshop series was hosted at the County Complex and a local greenhouse. Upon request of a Haverhill Cooperative Middle School teacher, the Volunteer Management Program Assistant, the County Forester and the Agricultural Resources Educator collaborated on a "Wild Edibles" program which they presented to four different classes.

The Family and Consumer Resources program certified thirty-nine food service workers (90%) who attended SERVSAFE classes and passed the national certification program. Other food service workers around the County attended a two-hour food safety program held in a number of locations.

A two hour session entitled *Managing Money in Tough Times* was offered in four locations around the County, reaching over sixty residents. In addition, financial education information was shared with local libraries, County employees, local media outlets, and was incorporated into educational displays.

The City of Lebanon, working with UNHCE staff, held two city-wide informational meetings to provide public input as they worked on updating their Master Plan.

Highlights of the work done in the Forestry Resources program included; conducting thirty-five site visits with private landowners discussing the health and wise stewardship of over eight thousand acres of private land. These visits simultaneously support New Hampshire's private landowner base, the forest products industry, and NH licensed consulting foresters.

Six natural resource education programs were organized in collaboration with other agencies attracting over two hundred attendees. Topics ranged from selling timber and wildlife management to Current Use education. The extension Forestry program has continued to provide educational programs and woodlot management advice to private landowners, forestry professionals, municipal officials and the County Farm Advisory Committee.

4-H Youth Development programs continue to support the ninety-six volunteer leaders and over two hundred fifty youth in Grafton County. Eighteen county-wide 4H events were held with support from volunteer committees and judges. Grafton County was fortunate to have two National 4-H award winners: Alexandra Patch, of Lebanon, represented New Hampshire at the National Dairy Conference and Hannah Walker, of North Haverhill, represented our state at National 4-H Congress.

A \$30,000 JC Penney Afterschool grant enhanced the UNHCE and A+ program collaboration and increased programming and volunteer recruitment activities. Because of this grant, one hundred twenty additional youth in Campton, Rumney and Plymouth were able to receive Afterschool programming. Outreach to this and two other county-based after school programs helped to reach over three hundred fifty additional youth with 4-H curricula.

An on-line orientation system for newly screened 4-H volunteers was implemented, extending the ability of the 4-H staff to reach more volunteers. Statewide work in 4-H Afterschool curriculum development,

4-H volunteer training, and updating materials for the traditional 4-H Club program continues based on current research.

The Volunteer Management Program Assistant (VMPA) conducted several 4-H Afterschool programs around the county including at the Plymouth, Campton, and Rumney Elementary Schools and at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. In addition, the VMPA worked with the Agricultural Educator and the summer intern on the Display Vegetable Garden and a series of workshops and open-house sessions, and worked with several Master Gardeners to facilitate their projects. All of these programs combined to extend 4-H and Agricultural Resources programming to an additional 157 people.

The State UNHCE Dairy Specialist, Michael Lunak, is housed in Grafton County. His work this year included coordinating a farm business QuickBooks course in Concord for ten participants and conducting site visits as part of an ongoing cooperation with an agricultural engineer from New York to assess building challenges on dairy farms throughout the state.

Additional funding from United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency for risk management programs was obtained for 2008-2009. Speakers from the NH Alternative Energy Association and NH Electric Cooperative addressed photovoltaic, wind and geo energy production, tips for saving energy on farms, as well as grants available for producers to develop alternative energy production on farms.

Applications of genomics in dairy cattle breeding and sexed semen were discussed at the NH Dairy Management Conference held in West Lebanon and Groveton, by this year's featured speaker from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

As a collaborative effort with other agencies serving Grafton County, the staff staged the Conservation Field Day at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds in May, reaching 262 fifth grade youth from all over the County. Working with youth and their teachers increases the public's understanding of agriculture and local food production.

Amanda Nadeau, a UNH student and Piermont native, served as Summer Assistant this year. She completed work for both the 4-H Youth Development and Agricultural Resources programs, including assisting with the demonstration garden and gardening workshop series, and the 4-H portions of the North Haverhill Fair.

Nutrition Connections programming continues to serve the population receiving food stamps and those meeting low income guidelines. Nutrition education programs have been held in conjunction with the Grafton County Academy program, Friendship House, and many agencies throughout the County. Robin Peters had been instrumental in bringing NH Food Bank programs into Grafton County.

The Extension staff are advised and guided by the members of the Grafton County UNHCE Advisory Council. This group is comprised of the following members: Mary Ames (Bath), Commissioner Raymond Burton (Bath), Pauline Cozilius (Pike), Commissioner Michael Cryans (Hanover), Annemarie Godston (North Haverhill), Frank Hagan (Bethlehem), David Keith (North Haverhill), Luther Kinney (Sugar Hill), Martha McLeod (Franconia), Joan Osgood (Piermont), Rebecca Page (Haverhill), Commissioner Martha Richards (Holderness), Emilie Shipman (Enfield), Cheryl Taber (Littleton), and Representative Kathleen Taylor (Franconia).

Our office is open to the public and located at the Grafton County Administration Building, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, Box 5, North Haverhill, NH 03774. Telephone:

603-787-6944. NH residents may call the UNHCE education Center at **1-877-398-4769** for information on energy conservation and home and garden questions. Visit our website: <http://extension.unh.edu> for up-to-date information.



VITAL STATISTICS

DORCHESTER, N.H.

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Parents</u>
John Cote	03-24-09	Plymouth, NH	David Cote Ethel Joyce
Jennie Levesque	04-06-09	Plymouth, NH	Felix Gizycki Anna Zegar
Charles Walter	07-17-09	Lebanon, NH	Lloyd Walter Ruth Robinson
Sidney Butler	07-29-09	Dorchester, NH	Sidney Butler Laura Gordon

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom/Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
05-14-09	Dana Gordon Lynda Gordon	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
06-27-09	Eric W. Gray Christie L. Smith	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
08-23-09	Christopher Cummings Jessica L. Mozeika	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
10-13-09	Sherman L. Hallock Lynda G. Hallock	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH

BIRTHS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Lebanon, NH	08-25-09	Lemay, Trinity Grace	Chris Lemay Margaret Currier-Lemay

Summary of the Dorchester 2009 Town Meeting

March 14, 2009 Town Meeting opened at 10:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for our departed, our sick or injured and our troops in harms way.

Moderator Arthur Burdette opened the meeting and gave the following instructions to the voters gathered.

- No smoking in the building and note emergency exits
- Only legally registered voters will be allowed to vote
- Speakers must state their name for the public record
- A paper ballot can be requested in writing with three signatures before any vote
- After a non-ballot vote, a paper ballot can be requested immediately after the non-ballot vote and will require 7 signatures in writing
- All articles will be acted upon
- All amendments must be submitted in writing
- Only one amendment will be allowed on the floor at a time
- There will be no swearing or personal attacks
- The moderator will only cast a vote to break or make a tie vote.
- Moderator will request by a show of hands from any attendee who is not a registered voter in Dorchester
- If non-registered voters are present, Moderator will request a hand vote whether non-registered voters can participate in the discussion regarding articles on the 2009 warrant

Moderator requested hand vote to dispense of any motions needed to discuss articles i.e. motions to move articles to the floor for discussion since review and discussion of the articles is why the voters are present today.

Moderator to appoint two non-ballot counters.

Elizabeth Trought made a motion to dispense with the formality of motions to place articles on the floor for discussion. Seconded by Andrew Houghton.

PASSED by show of hands.

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of the Town Elections held on March 10th, 2009:

Selectman for three (3) years – **Arthur Burdette - 70 Votes**

John Cote – 42 Votes

Ron Stokowski – 32 Votes

Treasurer for one (1) year - **Brian Howe - 123 Votes**

Holly Conkey – 3 Votes

Brad Hanley – 1 Vote

Tax Collector for one (1) year - **Brenda Howe - 122 Votes**

Holly Conkey – 2 Votes

Darlene Oaks – 1 Vote

Bob Brown – 1 Vote

Town Clerk for one (1) year - **Brenda Howe - 124 Votes**

Darlene Oaks – 4 Votes

Holly Conkey – 2 Votes

Connie Melanson – 1 Vote

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years

Diana Burdette - 18 Votes

Holly Conkey – 4 Votes

Donna Abel – 3 Votes

Brenda Howe – 2 Votes

Auditors for one (1) year (vote for two)

Martha Walker - 121 Votes

Yvonne Yetman - 3 Votes

Holly Conkey – 4 Votes (declined)

Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years – **David Yetman - 12 Votes**

Patricia Franz 12 Votes (declined)

Planning Board for three (3) years

Linda Landry – 75 Votes

William Trought – 66 Votes

Highway (Road) Agent for three (3) years

George C. Conkey II – 106 Votes

Article 2. To adopt a Floodplain Management Ordinance so the Town will qualify for enrollment in the Flood Insurance Program.

YES – 106 NO - 31

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept and implement the following recommendations by the

Benefits/Compensation Committee established at the 2008 Town Meeting.

- a. Increase the base salary of the Road Agent from \$29,644.00 to \$30,500.00/year
- b. Provide for the Road Agent's Medical Insurance – 100%
- c. Provide Family Medical Insurance Coverage at a rate of 80% covered by the Town and 20% covered by the Road Agent
- d. Discontinue current "compensation time" plan and enact, regardless of the time of year, overtime compensation at a rate of; 1 and one-half times the calculated hourly rate (base salary/2080 hours) for hours worked per week over 40 hours.

Elizabeth Trought requested a paper ballot on Article 3. She provided a signed list of requestors.

Moderator read Article 3

Andrew Houghton made a motion to accept the article as read, Seconded by Brian Howe.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

Andrew Houghton, chairman of the committee explained their recommendations.

Elizabeth Trought asked about the framework of raises and scale of perks, rewards and increases.

Andrew Houghton responded

William Trought and Elizabeth Trought asked to add the word "current" before Road Agent to the Article. Raise of hands agreed.

Michael Landry praised he current Road Agent and explained some of the job's requirements.

Elizabeth Trought asked about vacation time.

Linda Landry responded.

William Trought asked what the Road Agent currently had for insurance.

John Franz explained.

William Trought asked about the assistant's insurance.

John Franz explained there was no Assistant Road Agent or full time Highway Maintainer.

Joshua Trought asked what the Road Agent's thoughts were with regard to the Article.

George Conkey responded that he was in favor of the Article.

Moderator moved the question.

Article 3 was read as Amended:

To see if the Town will vote to accept and implement the following recommendations by the Benefits/Compensation Committee established at the 2008 Town Meeting.

- a. Increase the base salary of the current Road Agent from \$29,644.00 to \$30,500.00/year**
- b. Provide for the current Road Agent's Medical Insurance – 100%**
- c. Provide Family Medical Insurance Coverage at a rate of 80% covered by the Town and 20% covered by the current Road Agent**
- d. Discontinue current "compensation time" plan and enact, regardless of the time of year, overtime compensation at a rate of; 1 and one-half times the calculated hourly rate (base salary/2080 hours) for hours worked per week over 40 hours.**

Vote taken by paper ballot

Article 3 – PASSED YES -29 NO – 1

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the front doors and weatherizing all other outside doors on the Dorchester Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of three thousand (\$3,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose in 1984.

Moderator read the Article

Moved by Michael Landry, seconded by Michael Majeski
William Trought asked if this wasn't done last year.

John Franz explained the history of the door currently on the building; it was ordered last year but was not paid for due to shoddy construction.

William Trought asked where the money appropriated for the doors had gone.

Brian Howe explained that the money would have come from the Buildings/Grounds budget line. It was not specifically appropriated for this purpose.

John Franz spoke about hiring a craftsman that lives in Canaan.

William Trought asked if there was anyone in town that could do this.

Malcolm Ray asked about pre-made doors

Paula Stone thought this would be more economical

Michael Landry spoke about the current condition of the doors and the need to act in a timely manner.

Elizabeth Trought asked for an amendment, seconded by Karen Yetman

1st Amendment: That the replacement of the doors be put out to bid, and Dorchester residents to be considered first.

Malcolm Ray spoke.

Robert Oaks stated that the cheapest is not always the best route.

Elizabeth Trought said “lowest reasonable bid”

Michael Landry explained that the selectmen do not need to take the lowest bid.

Arthur Conkey asked to have the amendment clarified

1st amendment was withdrawn by Elizabeth Trought and Karen Yetman and submitted the following:

Amendment: That the replacement of the doors be put out to bid, and “all things being equal” preference will be give to residents of Dorchester.

VOTE taken **YES – 18** NO – 13

Discussion of including installation in the bid, but no Motion was made

Article 4 read as amended

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the front doors and weatherizing all other

outside doors on the Dorchester Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of three thousand (\$3,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose in 1984. Replacement of the doors be put out to bid and “all things being equal” preference will be given to residents of Dorchester.

Article 4 – PASSED as amended

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thirty-two thousand, three hundred sixty-six dollars (\$432,366.00), to defray Town charges.

Moved by John Franz, seconded by William Trought

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

John Franz explained the Selectmen’s efforts to keep costs down.

Linda Landry explained FEMA funds.

John Franz reference grants the town has applied for.

Moved by Moderator

Article 5 – PASSED as read

Article 6. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

John Franz made a motion to see if the Town will vote to continue the Compensation /Benefits Committee with its present membership through April 1, 2010.

Michael Landry spoke in favor.

William Trought asked about a “time frame”

Linda Landry suggested reporting at Town Meeting 2010

Vote in favor of keeping the Compensation/Benefits Committee

Patricia Franz explained the probable timetable for applying for flood insurance under the newly passed Floodplain Ordinance.

Elizabeth Trought asked about the Selectmen’s efforts regarding Article 5 of last year’s warrant.

John Franz responded

More discussion followed on the bid process under Article 3. Andrew Houghton made a motion that the door bid under Article 3 specify that the doors be hung by the party making them.

Malcolm Ray said adding “in-place” would make the bidder responsible for the whole job, but also said he doubted anyone could be found willing to do so; particularly with pre-manufactured doors.

Motion was rejected by a voice vote

Diana Burdette asked questions and made suggestions regarding decisions about the historic district.

Linda Landry thanked the Committee for its efforts

Elizabeth Trought thanked the Selectmen and Treasurer for their efforts.

John Franz read a plaque to be presented to John Cote for his years of service as Selectman

John Franz made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting closed at 12:10 p.m.

**Submitted by Brenda Howe,
Town Clerk of Dorchester, NH**



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